

Bedford Heights Update



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February is Black History month. Black history month is an opportunity to recognize and acknowledge the contributions of black Americans in the history of this great nation. The establishment, advancement and growth of this country was a collaboration of alliances that fortified their efforts into the building of this great nation. America is a nation of many races and nationalities that came to this country in search of freedom and a better way of life. We are a proud nation that is indivisible; standing and fighting for liberty and justice for all.

In honor of Black History Month, films featuring or about black Americans in history will be shown Monday through Friday beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Bedford Heights Community Center EXCLUSIVELY for Bedford Heights residents. Light refreshments will be served.

The City of Bedford Heights owns two lots that are **“For Sale.”** One of the vacant lots is located at 5525 Columbia Road (*corner of Columbia and Rockside Roads*). The other vacant lot is located on Rockside Road at the intersection of Meadow Lane and Rockside Road. If you are interested in purchasing a lot for the constructing a new home, please contact our Housing Coordinator Cheryl Dillingham (440-786-3244).

Construction of the Family Dollar store located at 25061 Rockside Road is scheduled for completion sometime this month (*February 2015*) with the store to open soon after. There are four signs on Rockside Road between Aurora Road and Interstate 271 North that read: “WARNING NO PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.” These signs are located on the north side of Rockside Road between Rockside Towers and Trinity Towers and on the south side of Rockside Road between the Speedway gas station and the new Family Dollar store. Ordinance 371.03(c) states pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.

There will be a Valentine’s Day Dance Saturday, February 14th (12pm – 3pm) for All Senior Citizens residing in the Bedford City School District. Admission is FREE with the presentation of a ticket. Tickets can be obtained at the following locations: Bedford Heights Community Center, Ellenwood Center in Bedford, Oakwood Community Center and Village Hall in Walton Hills. Contact Mark Zofka (440-439-4588) for more information.

The Bedford Heights Scholarship Awards Committee is accepting applications from graduating seniors who reside in the City of Bedford Heights. Up to 6 individual scholarships in the amount of \$500 each will be awarded to outstanding students who will be attending an accredited college, university or trade school in the fall of 2015.

If you are a Bedford Heights parent and/or resident who would like to volunteer your time to organize, build, manage and grow a sustainable baseball league here in Bedford Heights please fill-out an application at the community center or online (www.bedfordheights.gov). We are looking for individuals to govern, manage and oversee the league operation, as well as coach our youth on how to play the game properly. If we are unable to reach our goal of 150 students to sign up, we continue to merge our youth into the already well established Bedford Baseball League.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will begin the process of widening Interstate 271 in both directions between Miles Road and the Summit County line sometime this year (2015). Actual construction will begin in 2016 and last for two years. Interstate 271 will be widened from two to three lanes north and southbound. Noise barriers will be erected within our city’s borders along Interstate 271.

The next FREE Mobile Food Pantry is scheduled for Saturday, February 28th.

To stay in touch with what’s going on in Bedford Heights, visit our website (www.bedfordheights.gov), our facebook page, our city calendar (*on our website*) or tune in to BHTV Cable Channel 20. We want to ensure that you’re informed, involved and aware.